

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND SURVEY OF GOLD MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian companies, foreign companies and Government agencies involved in research and survey work on gold mining; and

(b) the details of the works undertaken by each of the agencies for conducting explorations for gold in each State in the country, particularly Jharkhand as on date ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a)&(b) : As per Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, only an Indian national or a company registered in India can be granted mineral concessions including Reconnaissance Permit (RP). Ministry of Mines has accorded prior approval for grant of eleven RPs for gold in various States including Jharkhand during 1.4.2005 to 28.2.2007 to the following companies:-

S.No.	Name of the company	No. of RP	State
1.	M/s Amil Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	02	Orissa
2.	M/s Metal Mining India Ltd.	01	Rajasthan
3.	M/s Crown Mining Pvt. Ltd.	02	Rajasthan
4.	M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	01	Jharkhand
5.	M/s Hira Kund Diamond Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	01	Uttar Pradesh
6.	M/s Deccan Gold Mines Ltd.	01	Kerala
7.	M/s Jai Prakash Associates Ltd.	01	Madhya Pradesh
8.	M/s Rungta Mines Ltd.	02	Orissa

(Source - Indian Bureau of Mines)

Besides above companies, Geological Survey of India (GSI), a Government agency and Mineral Exploration Corporation of India (MECL), a public sector undertaking, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines have been carrying out regional and detailed exploration respectively for gold in various States in the country. Details of the work undertaken by these agencies in different states including Jharkhand are given as under:-

GSI

S.No.	State	Nature of work	Work component
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| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Exploration/preliminary investigation for gold in Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore districts | Detailed mapping (DM), Large scale mapping (LSM), Drilling (D), Pitting-trenching (PT), Sampling (Smpl.) |
| 2. | Bihar | Investigation for gold in Jamui district | DM, Thematic Mapping (TM), Smpl., PT |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | respecting for gold mineralization in Kanker, | |

Raipur, Mahasmand districts. DM, Smpl., PT, D

4. Gujarat Search for gold in Jamnagar district LSM, Smpl.
5. Jharkhand Investigation and prospecting for gold in West Singhbhum, East Singhbhum and Ranchi, districts. DM, LSM, D, PT, Smpl.
6. Karnataka Exploration/preliminary investigation for gold in Haveri, Chikmagalur, Hasan, Yatal, Raichur, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Dharwar, Gadag, Bellary, Uttara Kannada, Davangere and Belgaum districts. DM, LSM, D, PT, Smpl.
- 7 Kerala Investigation for gold in Mallapuram Palakkad, Waynad districts TM, DM, PT, Smpl.
8. Madhya Pradesh Exploration for gold in Sidhi, Katni, Jabalpur, Balaghat district. DM, PT, D
9. Maharashtra Exploration/preliminary investigation in Bhandara, Nagpur districts D, Smpl.
10. Orissa Exploration for gold in Mayurbhanj, Sukinda, Malkangiri, Keonjhar, Balasore and Jeypore districts. LSM, DM, D, PT, Smpl.
11. Rajasthan Investigation for gold in Udaipur, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Banswara and Jaipur districts DM, PT, LSM, D, PT, Smpl.
12. Sikkim Search for gold in East, West, North and South Sikkim LSM, DM, Smpl.
13. Tamil Nadu Investigation for gold in Nilgiri, Krishnagiri districts DM, PT, D, Smpl.
14. Uttar Pradesh Exploration for gold in Sonbhadra, Jhansi district. D, Smpl., PT
15. West Bengal Gold exploration in Bankura district LSM, Smpl.

(Source - Geological Survey of India)

MECL

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1. Andhra Pradesh Detailed exploration for gold in Anantapur, Chittoor, Jonnagiri and Kurnool districts LSM, D, Smpl.
2. Jharkhand Detailed exploration for gold in Singhbhum district LSM, D, Smpl.
3. Karnataka Detailed exploration for gold in Raichur, Dharwar, Kolar, Hassan and Haveri districts. LSM, D, Smpl.
4. Kerala Detailed exploration for gold in mallapuram district. LSM, D, Smpl.
5. Maharashtra Detailed exploration for gold in Nagpur district. LSM, D, Smpl.

(Source - Mineral Exploration Corporation of India)